

Professor G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Staff Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Professor Blakey:

In your letter of 19 January 1978, you asked that this Agency release one Richard E. Snyder from any obligation of secrecy which he may owe to this Agency, in order that he may make a full response to questions associated with your investigation.

Mr. Snyder was employed by this Agency for approximately one year, in the 1949/1950 time frame. Then, in the 1971-1975 time frame he was associated with the Joint Publications Research Service, an organization sponsored by this Agency. At the time of his employment with the Agency, Mr. Snyder executed a secrecy agreement. JPRS

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→ We note that the period of Mr. Snyder's employment with this Agency considerably pre-dates the time period of interest to the Committee's investigation. Given this disparity in time periods, it would seem that Mr. Snyder can be fully responsive to your inquiries without being released from the terms of his secrecy agreement with this Agency. Accordingly, the Agency considers that Mr. Snyder is still bound by the terms of this agreement.

Yours truly,

Lyle Miller
Legislative Counsel

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V.I.P Document on Snyder

Confirms that his HSCA testimony was given by him whilst still bound by his CIA secrecy oath.

Which of course means that in order to adhere to his oath any actions by him involving Oswald which were at the behest of CIA could not be revealed.

It is to be noted that CIA gave immunity to almost all others with CIA connections, in other words they were free to speak as they wish — as you can see here, Snyder was still tied to his CIA secrecy oath. In plain language, he can lie

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